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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Sculpture Honoring Breonna Taylor Smashed to Pieces

(U) A bust sculpted in honor of Breonna Taylor was smashed to pieces just two weeks after it was installed downtown, prompting police to launch a vandalism investigation. Sculptor Leo Carson called the vandalism an act of racist aggression against Taylor, a figure that propelled millions of people across the country to protest police brutality and call for defunding the police. Oakland police said in a statement that they are aware of the vandalism and are investigating after a police report was filed. The sculpture was installed at Latham Square two weeks ago, in front of the wedge-shaped Cathedral Building downtown.

SOURCE: 27 December 2020, [East Bay Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arkansas – Far-Left Journalist Among Four Charged in Fire Bombings of Police Vehicles

(U) Little Rock – Federal authorities alleged that Renea Baek Goddard, 22, was associated with a group that tossed Molotov cocktails toward Little Rock Police Department vehicles in August 2020, as a large crowd demonstrated outside a substation. The four suspects were arrested following a months-long investigation by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) the report said, citing a 17 December news release from the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Goddard was previously arrested and charged with obstructing government operations in violation of a local curfew during a BLM protest in June 2020, with a court appearance scheduled for January 2021 in that case.

SOURCE: 26 December 2020, [FOX News](#)

(U) Illinois – Active US Army Member Charged in Connection with Bowling Alley Shooting

(U) Rockford – An active-duty Special Forces soldier has been charged with murder after three people were killed and three wounded in a shooting at a bowling alley. Police received calls about a shooting with multiple victims. The 37-year-old suspect, identified by authorities as Duke Webb, had attempted to conceal his identity and hide his weapons from police. Webb, a Florida resident, and an active-duty soldier was charged with three counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder. The US Army confirmed that Webb is currently assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, based at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

SOURCE: 27 December 2020, [CNN](#)

(U) Tennessee – Suspect in Explosion Died in Blast

(U) Nashville – The man believed to be responsible for the Christmas Day bombing that tore through downtown Nashville blew himself up in the explosion, and appears to have acted alone, federal officials said yesterday. Investigators used DNA and other evidence to link the man, identified as Anthony Quinn Warner, to the mysterious explosion but said they have not determined a motive. Officials have received hundreds of tips and leads but have concluded that no one other than Warner is believed to have been involved in the early morning explosion that damaged dozens of buildings and injured three people.

SOURCE: 27 December 2020, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Washington – Russian Hackers Compromised Microsoft Cloud Customers Through Third Party

(U) Redmond – Russian government hackers have compromised Microsoft cloud customers and stolen emails from at least one private-sector company, according to people familiar with the matter, a worrying development in Moscow's ongoing cyberespionage campaign targeting numerous US agencies and corporate computer networks. The intrusions appear to have occurred via a Microsoft corporate partner that handles cloud-access services.

SOURCE: 24 December 2020, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Central African Republic – UN Peacekeepers Killed Before Election

(U) Bangui – Three United Nations peacekeepers were killed in Central African Republic, as the government and its allies tried to fend off a rebel offensive ahead of yesterday's presidential and legislative elections. The Burundian peacekeepers were killed by unidentified actors, according to the UN mission. Central African Republic, which is rich in diamonds, timber, and gold, has experienced five coups and numerous rebellions since independence from France in 1960. It has been gripped by insecurity since former President Francois Bozize was ousted by a rebellion in 2013.

SOURCE: 26 December 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Agents Prevent Attack from ISIS

(U) Moscow – The Kremlin's security service says it thwarted a plot to carry out an attack in the country's southern republic of Dagestan. Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) purportedly found weapons, a large amount of ammunition and an explosive device. The FSB said it had prevented an attack by a group with links to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The FSB said it had arrested four people who were set to carry out the offensive in Dagestan. Earlier this month, police killed two attackers targeting security forces in the republic of Chechnya, which borders Dagestan.

SOURCE: 26 December 2020, [DW](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Neo-Nazi Extremist Jailed for Terror Offenses

(U) Newcastle – A one-man neo-Nazi propaganda machine who encouraged racist mass murder has been jailed for a string of terror offenses. Luke Hunter, 23, created extremist material and ran accounts on multiple online platforms. Hunter, the son of a former counterterrorism officer, was arrested in 2019. He was affiliated with a now-banned terrorist organization called the Feuerkrieg Division (FKD). Hunter was sentenced at Leeds Crown Court to four years and two months in prison.

SOURCE: 24 December 2020, [BBC](#)

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